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Embassy's telegram No. 1397, March 30, 1951
Developments in Albania

The following information relating to recent develop-
ments in Albania

On April 11, 1948, Albanian protest notes to Italy, Yugoslavia and the UN were announced on the same day. The note to the Italian Government alleged aerial violations on eight occasions, February 22, 26, 27, March 3, 15, 19, 24 and 31, in the course of which propaganda leaflets were dropped. The Yugoslavs were accused of provoking four frontier incidents on March 2, 11, 29 and 31, and five aerial violations, one on March 23 and four on March 24. The note addressed to the UN alleged eleven Greek aerial violations of Albanian territory, March 1, 7 (twice), 8 (twice), 9 (twice), 24, 25 (twice), and 28; a Greek naval vessel was alleged to have penetrated territorial waters in the region of Himara; and Greek soldiers were accused of provoking frontier incidents on March 1, 4, 15, 16, 18, 20 and 21. No mention of casualties was made.

that the names of Mehmet ~~SHEHU~~ and wife had been appearing more frequently in the press on important occasions, while Enver ~~HODJA~~ and wife were given little publicity.

On April 14, Manouch MUFTIOU, Minister of Justice and Minister of State Control, had been relieved of his position and elevated to Vice President of Council, replacing Spiro PANO. In addition to his position of Minister of Interior, Mehmet SHEHU has been made Minister of State Control; the combination of old and new functions gives him an eminent place in the Government.

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April 20 the appearance of an inflammatory article in BASHKIMI alleging Yugoslav-Greek plans for aggression in the Balkans, supported by the Anglo-American powers. The article refers to the provision of \$29,000,000 from the United States for "arms and military equipment" for Yugoslavia, and the recent Franco-Yugoslav accord providing five billion francs for war materials, as evidence of the falsity of Yugoslavia's claim of neutrality and asserts that the Yugoslavs are playing the role of "fascist shock troops in the war under preparation". War fever in Yugoslavia and Greece is alleged, and it is stated that a fund of two billion dollars has been created for a Yugoslav-Greek-Turkish army, and that a branch of the NATO General Staff is being set up at Salonika "under the direction of the Anglo-Americans". The article speaks of the participation of the armed forces of Yugoslavia and Greece in this General Staff, mentions numerous other "war plans", and asserts that the "imperialist war mongers" openly declared that Titoist Yugoslavia had long since become one of their war bases in the Balkans and Southeastern Europe.

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